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Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner reconsider the Application in view of the remarks below.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 4, 12, 13, 22 and 26-34 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 8, 17, 18 and 23 are amended. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 9-11, 14-21 and 23-25 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. §121

In the Office Action dated March 17, 2006, the Examiner required Applicant to select between three species the Examiner has found to be patentably distinct:

- I. Species I: Figures 1 (front actuator configuration);
- II. Species II: Figure 8 (rear actuator configuration); and
- III. Species III: Figure 15.

Applicant hereby elects Species III, with traverse, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant traverses based on applicant's belief that independent claim 1 as well as dependent claims 2, 3, 9-11, 14-20 and 23-25 are generic.

However, in response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant has elected the species described in Figure 15. Applicant respectfully submits claims 1-3, 5-8, 9-11, 14-21 and 23-25 are readable on the elected species (Species III).

Declaration and Power of Attorney

A new declaration and power of attorney is submitted herewith to grant Power of Attorney to the attorneys associated with Customer Number 26869.


Conclusion

The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application. Please charge any deficiency or overpayment to deposit account number 04-0932 (Reference Number 14206/67101).

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